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In re Application of

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to that Office Action dated March 14, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. An image processing device, comprising:

an input which receives a stereo pair of images;

a foreground extractor coupled to the input which
compares location of like pixel information in each image to
determine which pixel information is foreground pixel information
and which pixel information is background pixel information;

a DCT block classifier coupled to the foreground
extractor which determines which DCT blocks of at least one of the